TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE

HB 165 – SB 248

March 17, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA) to regulate certain non-utility companies following the sale or lease of a public utility company to a non-utility company, when it has been determined through investigation by the Attorney General or the Consumer Affairs Division of the Department of Commerce and Insurance that the non-utility company is not meeting certain regulatory requirements or the rates being charged by the non-utility company are unjust or discriminatory.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The number of non-utility companies that will require regulation by TRA will be not significant because the Attorney General will first have to investigate the non-utility company, and make a determination on the justness of the non-utility company's rates and the company's level of compliance with utility regulations.
- Any increase in state expenditures for the TRA will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- The number of non-utility companies that the Attorney General and the Department of Commerce and Insurance, Consumer Affairs Division will have to investigate in any given year will be not significant because the number of utility companies that are purchased or leased by non-utility companies will be few.
- Any increase in state expenditures for the Attorney General and the Department of Commerce and Insurance will be not significant and can be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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